

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 11 to 15 have been canceled and claims 3 to 8 have been amended in a sincere attempt to place the case in immediate condition for allowance. The claims before the Examiner thus are claims 3 to 10.

The rejection of claims 1, 2, and 11 to 15 under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by JP '065 is moot in light of the cancellation of those claims.

The rejection of claims 1 and 3 to 10 under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by JP '490, if applied to the claims as amended, is respectfully traversed.

As noted above, claim 1 has been canceled. Each of independent claims 3 to 8 has been amended to exclude (in the case of claims 3, 5 and 7) compounds in which at least one of A, B, C and D is pyrene and to exclude (in the case of claims 4, 6, and 8) a case in which at least one of A', B', C', and D' represents pyrene. The claims are believed therefore patentably to define over JP '490 whose formula (as shown on page 3 of the Office Action) requires the presence of at least pyrene group.

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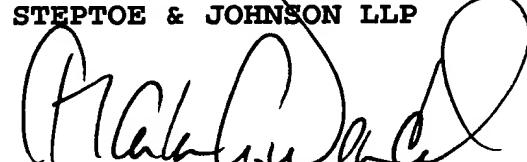
It is therefore respectfully submitted that the claims patentably define over the newly-cited art and the rejection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner is thanked for citing references submitted with three Information Disclosure Statements.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned should anything further be required in the case prior to formal allowance.

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